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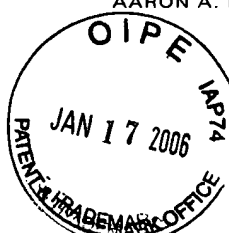
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Re: U.S. Patent No.: 6,926,915
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Sir:

A Certificate of Correction under 35 U.S.C. 254 is hereby requested to correct Patent Office printing errors in the above-identified patent. Enclosed herewith is a proposed Certificate of Correction (Form No. PTO-1050) for consideration along with appropriate documentation supporting the request for correction.

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

In Column 7:

Line 37, please delete "unproved", and insert therefor --improved--.

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is used, the resulting recovered amounts of NRBC via lectin were improved about 1.5 times larger than those obtained using a conventional high-density liquid having a specific gravity of 1.077. Although many investigators have considered the effects of these pretreatments for a long time, no conclusion has been obtained due to variations among individuals and the like. Therefore, the other conditions may also be appropriately employed in the selective separating method of the present invention.

Furthermore, as shown in Figure 1, it is also of course possible to conduct the method in the same way using synthetic glycoconjugate polymer of glucose family and lectin.

In general, negative separation, in which cells other than those which are desired are immobilized, and positive separation, in which the cells which are desired are immobilized and concentrated, are known as methods for separating cells; however, the separation method of the present invention makes use of both negative and positive separation by appropriately adjusting the concentration of lectins.

In the selective separation of hematopoietic stem cells which are present in very small amounts, in order to reduce the number of the cells which are wasted, the method described above may be repeated a number of times to make it possible to increase the yield of the desired cells.

The blood sample which is separated and refined by means of the separation method of the present invention may be from any source, including peripheral blood; however, in the selective recovery of stem cells, bone marrow fluid, umbilical blood, or placental blood is preferable. Furthermore, in the selective recovery of NRBCs, umbilical blood or maternal blood is preferable.